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Creative CD-ROM Drive
Creative Audio Software
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Declaration of Conformity

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Compliance Manager
Creative Labs, Inc.
April 28, 1998
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Introduction

Welcome to the world of multimedia, as it should be experienced, with advanced audio and high-speed CD-ROM data delivery.

At the heart of Sound Blaster® Live! Value is EMU10K1™, a processor from E-mu® Systems based on E-mu’s highly acclaimed Emulator IV sound module and Darwin hard disk recorder. The EMU10K1™’s more than 2 million transistors and 1,000 MIPS of audio processing power are capable of delivering intensive digital mixing and effects processing for an immersive Environmental Audio™ experience. The EMU10K1 is endowed with other powerful features:

❐ Advanced hardware-accelerated digital effects processing
❐ 32-bit digital processing while maintaining a 192 dB dynamic range
❐ Patented 8-point interpolation that reduces noise/distortion to inaudible levels
❐ 64-voice hardware wavetable synthesizer
❐ Professional-quality digital mixing and equalization

The Creative CD-ROM drive delivers high-speed capabilities to your computer when transferring data, playing educational and entertainment software titles, or running business applications. The internal design and enhanced IDE connector offers uncompromising performance and compatibility.

For Creative software, your cards require at least:

❐ Pentium® class 133 MHz or equivalent processor
❐ Windows® 95 OSR2, 98 or Windows NT® 4.0
❐ 16 MB RAM for Windows 95/98 (32 MB RAM recommended), 32 MB RAM for Windows NT 4.0
❐ 72 MB of free hard disk space for Windows 95/98; 55 MB for Windows NT 4.0
❐ Free PCI bus slot for the audio card
❐ Available 5.25” half-height drive bay (for CD-ROM drive)
Before You Begin

The README file on the installation CD-ROM contains information and changes not available at the time of printing. Read the file before you continue.

Getting More Information

See the online User’s Guide for MIDI specifications and connector pin assignments, as well as instructions on using the various applications included with Sound Blaster Live! Value.

Document Conventions

The following typographical conventions are used throughout this document:

**bold**  Bold face type identifies words and phrases that are to be entered exactly as shown. For example: `D:\AUDIO\ENGLISH\WIN95DRV`

*italic*  Italic type identifies word and phrases that are to be replaced by you. For example: `DEVICE=C:\SBCD\DRV\SBIDE.SYS /D:MSCD001 /F:xxx,yy`

In the example, you must supply a value for `xxx,yy`.

Italic in the text may emphasize or identify a word or phrase that is being defined.

**ALL CAPS**  A word in all capital letters identifies a key you are to press. For example, “Press the ENTER key.”

The notepad icon indicates information that is of particular importance and should be considered before continuing.

The alarm clock designates a caution or warning that can help you avoid situations involving risk.
Installing Your Multimedia Kit

What You Need

Most of the items you need for installation are included. The following illustration shows the basic components necessary for a complete installation.

Refer to the colored insert for specific information about the audio card and CD-ROM drive.
Installing the Audio Card

Before you remove the computer cover, touch a grounded metal surface to discharge static electricity.

Remove or disable any existing audio card and its driver from your computer. Refer to the manufacturer’s documentation for details.

To install the audio card:

1. Turn off your computer, and disconnect the power cable.
2. Disconnect the monitor and other devices that are connected to the computer.
3. Remove the computer cover.
4. Locate a PCI slot for the audio card.
   Remove the slot cover from the slot—save the screw to secure the audio card.
5. Align the gold-striped tabs on the bottom of the audio card with the PCI slot, and firmly press the card into place until it fits snugly.

6. Use the screw from the slot cover to secure the audio card to the frame of the computer—securing the card with the screw assures proper grounding.

7. Connect the CD audio cable from your CD-ROM drive to the audio card’s CD audio connector. Or, connect the CD digital (SPDIF) cable from your CD-ROM to the audio card’s CD SPDIF connector.

You may want to connect the cable to the audio card before inserting it.
8. Connect your speakers, headphones, microphone, joystick, MIDI devices, or other devices to the back panel of the audio card.

If you are connecting a single pair of powered speakers (or headphones), you must use the third jack. Use the fourth jack if you are connecting an additional pair of powered speakers. See the next section, “Configuring the Speakers,” for detailed information.
Installing the CD-ROM Drive

To install the CD-ROM drive:

1. Turn off your computer, and disconnect the power cable.
2. Disconnect the monitor and other devices that are connected to the back of the computer.
3. Remove the computer cover.
4. Remove the cover from an available 5¼” bay for the CD-ROM drive.

5. Connect the data cable to the rear of the CD-ROM drive.
6. Connect the audio cable to the rear of the CD-ROM drive. Or, connect the CD digital (SPDIF) cable from your audio card to the CD SPDIF connector.
7. Insert the drive into the open 5¼” bay, feeding the cables through the bay.
8. Secure the CD-ROM drive to your computer’s frame using the supplied screws.

9. Locate an available power supply cable, and attach it to the rear of the CD-ROM drive.
10. Connect the data cable to an available enhanced IDE connector on your motherboard, with the cable’s colored stripe connecting to pin 1.
11. Replace the computer cover.
12. Reconnect the power cable, monitor, and other devices.
Configuring the Speakers

Two Speakers or Headphones

If you have a two-speaker system or want to use headphones, connect to Sound Blaster Live! Value through the Line Out jack—third from the top.

To add two more speakers, connect the additional speakers to the Rear Out jack on Sound Blaster Live! Value.

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Installing the CD-ROM Software

The Creative CD-ROM Installation Disk contains drivers necessary to operate your CD-ROM drive. The software installation varies according to your computer’s operating system. The following installation software is provided:

- Windows 95/98 (page 8)
- Windows NT (page 11)

Please refer to the section regarding your specific operating system for complete installation instructions.

Windows 95/98

The CD-ROM drive functions in Windows 95/98 once it is connected correctly to your existing Enhanced IDE connector on your motherboard.

In Windows 95, use the CD-ROM Installation Disk if you wish to use the drive in MS-DOS mode.

To install the Blaster CD software:

1. Turn on the power to your computer.
2. When Windows 95/98 boots, choose the **Start** button on the task bar. The Start menu is displayed.
3. Choose **Run...** on the Start menu. The Run dialog is displayed.
4. Insert the CD-ROM Installation Disk into a floppy disk drive.
5. In the Run dialog text box, enter **A:\SETUP** (or **B:\SETUP**) and choose **OK**. The installation program prepares the InstallShield Wizard to guide you through the application setup.
6. The README.TXT file appears. Read this file before you proceed with the installation.

7. Choose Next. The Choose Destination Location dialog appears. The default path is C:\Program Files\Sbcd\.
   To change the destination directory, choose Browse.
8. When the destination path is correct, choose *Next*. The installation program copies the files to your computer. The Device Selection dialog appears.

9. Select the device that you have connected to the CD-ROM drive.
   - Choose “IDE Hard Disk Controller Card” if you have daisy-chained the CD-ROM drive to the primary port on your motherboard.
   - Choose “Onboard IDE Secondary Port” if the CD-ROM drive is connected to an available secondary IDE port on your motherboard.
   - Choose “Plug and Play Card” if you attached the drive to a Plug and Play interface card.
   - Choose “Non-Plug and Play Card” if the drive is connected to a non-Plug and Play interface card.

10. The Setup Complete dialog appears.
11. Choose *Finish* to restart your computer.
The following instructions describe the CD software installation in Windows NT 4.0.

**To install in Windows NT 4.0**

1. Click the Start button on the Taskbar, select Settings, and click on Control Panel.
2. On the Control Panel, double-click the Multimedia icon.
3. On the Audio Devices tab page, click the Add option, and choose the Unlisted or Updated Driver option. Click the OK button.
4. Insert the Creative CD-ROM Installation Disk and follow the instructions for each screen to complete the installation.

**Installing the Creative Software**

The Sound Blaster Live! Value software contains drivers necessary for operation and utilities to make the most of the audio card. The software installation varies according to your computer’s operating system:

- Windows 95
- Windows 98
- Windows NT

When you turn on your computer, Windows 95 automatically detects the new hardware, and prompts you for the software installation disk. The installation may vary from the instructions below based upon previously installed software and hardware.

**To install in Windows 95**:

1. Turn on your computer for Windows 95 to automatically detect your new hardware. The New Hardware Found dialog appears.
2. Select the *Driver from disk provided by hardware manufacturer* option, and click OK. The Install From Disk dialog appears.

3. Insert Sound Blaster Live! Value CD into your CD-ROM drive. Enter the path for your CD-ROM drive and the software on the disk. For example, use the Browse button to locate, or type, the following:

   D:\AUDIO\ENGLISH\WIN95DRV (D:\ represents your CD-ROM drive). Click OK to install the Windows 95 drivers.

4. If prompted, install the gameport/joystick drivers from the installation CD. For example, use the Browse button to locate, or type, the following: D:\DIRECTX\DIRECTX\DRIVERS\USA. Click OK to install the gameport/joystick drivers. (If you are not prompted and want to install the gameport/joystick drivers, click Start on the Taskbar, select Settings and Control Panel. Double-click the Install New Hardware icon. Follow the on-screen instructions—select to *NOT* search for new hardware and, then, select Sound, Video and Game Controllers. Then, select Have Disk to locate the file you want as described above.)

5. You may be prompted to restart your computer—restart your computer for the drivers to take effect.

   **NOTE:** *When your computer attempts to restart Windows 95, it may take up to six minutes to update the system settings.* **DO NOT RESET** your computer even though there does not seem to be any hard disk activity.
6. If Autorun is enabled and the Sound Blaster Live! Value CD is in the drive, the Creative Software Installation screen appears. The software included with your Sound Blaster Live! Value is listed on the screen. Select Creative Sound Blaster Live! Value software and any other applications that you want to install and click on OK.

7. Next, the Software License Agreement appears. Read the text and click on the Yes button if you accept the terms of the agreement. The README file follows. Please read the file for any last minute information not included in this manual. Click Next when finished.

8. Next, you are asked to accept the default destination directory, or enter a new directory. When the directory is correct, click the Next button.

Double-click the My Computer icon on your desktop, right-click your CD-ROM drive icon, and click on AutoPlay to start the Creative audio software install if the CD is in the drive.
9. Next, the Setup Options are displayed. When you select an option, the installation continues.

10. The Select Program Folder dialog allows you to select the folder to which the audio software is to be installed, or you may confirm the default selection. Click the Next button when the Program Folder is correct.

11. The Installation Information dialog lists the installation selections you have made. To make changes to your selections, click on the Back button until you reach the screen with the option to be changed. Then, click Next until you are returned to the Installation Information dialog. If the information is correct, click the Next button to continue.
12. The Creative Sound Blaster Live! Value installation screen, similar to that shown to the right, appears to inform you of the progress of the installation.

13. You may be prompted to restart your computer—restart your computer for the drivers to take effect.

14. To install the additional software, insert Sound Blaster Live! Value CD, each time selecting the software that you want to install.

Windows 98

The following instructions describe the Sound Blaster Live! Value installation in Windows 98.

To install in Windows 98:

1. The Windows 98 Add New Hardware Wizard automatically detects the Sound Blaster Live! Value and attempts to locate the driver media provided by the manufacturer. Insert Installation CD into your CD-ROM drive and click the Next button.

2. Select the Search For The Best Driver For Your Device (Recommended) option and click the Next button.

3. Clear all check boxes and click only the Specify a Location check box. Type or click the Browse button and point to the driver path: D:\AUDIO\ENGLISH\WIN95DRV (D: represents your CD-ROM drive). Click the Next button.

4. Click the Next button to install the Windows 98 drivers.

5. Click the Finish button when the installation is complete.

6. Restart your computer for the changes to take effect.

NOTE: When your computer attempts to restart Windows 98, it may take up to six minutes to update the system settings. DO NOT RESET your computer even though there does not seem to be any hard disk activity.
7. Follow the software installation instructions for Windows 95.

Windows NT

The following instructions describe the Sound Blaster Live! Value installation in Windows NT 4.0.

To install in Windows NT 4.0

1. Click the Start button on the Taskbar, select Settings, and click on Control Panel.
2. On the Control Panel, double-click the Multimedia icon.
3. On the Audio Devices tab page, click the Add option, and choose the Unlisted or Updated Driver option. Click the OK button.
4. Insert Sound Blaster Live! Value CD and follow the instructions for each screen to complete the installation.
To test the installation:

1. Click \Start in the task bar; select Programs, Creative, and PlayCenter from the menus. The Creative PlayCenter appears. Alternatively, open the PlayCenter by selecting its icon on the Creative Launcher.

2. On the PlayCenter, click the Media icon and select Open Media File.

3. Use the Browse dialog to find Creative, SBLive, and Media. The Media directory should contain a number of audio files from which you may select to test your Sound Blaster Live! Value installation.

If no sound is heard, see “Sound” on page 19 in Chapter 2, “Troubleshooting” for tips.
Troubleshooting

This appendix provides tips for solving problems you may encounter during installation or normal use.

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In Windows 95/98, the installation does not start automatically after the CD-ROM is inserted.

The AutoPlay feature in your Windows 95/98 system may not be enabled.

To start the installation program through the My Computer shortcut menu:
1. Double-click the My Computer icon on your Windows desktop.
2. In the My Computer window, right-click the CD-ROM drive icon.
3. On the shortcut menu, click AutoPlay and follow the instructions on the screen.

To enable AutoPlay through Auto Insert Notification:
1. Click the Start button, select Settings, and then click Control Panel.
2. In the Control Panel window, double-click the System icon.
3. In the System Properties dialog, click the Device Manager tab and select your CD-ROM drive.
4. Click the Properties button.
5. In the Properties dialog, click the Settings tab and select Auto Insert Notification.
6. Click the OK button to exit from the dialog.

Sound

There is excessive environmental sound or effects when an audio file is being played.

The last selected preset environment is inappropriate for the current audio file.

To select an appropriate environment:
1. Open Environmental Audio control.
   OR
   Display Creative Launcher at the top of your screen (bring your mouse pointer to the top edge of the screen to display Launcher). Then, click the Environments tab.
2. In the Environment list, select “No effects” or an appropriate environment.
In a 4-speaker configuration, there is no sound from the rear speakers.

Check the following:
- In the Speaker dialog (open AudioHQ and click the Speaker icon), set the Output field to 4-Speaker.
- The rear speakers are connected to the audio card’s Rear Out jack.
- In Creative Mixer’s Record Control view:
  - If a single source (for example, CD Audio, Line In, TAD, Auxiliary or Microphone) is playing, the check box for the source is selected.
  - If more than one source is playing, the “What U Hear” device icon is selected and, in the Play Control view, the sources you want to mix are selected.

No sound from the headphones.

Check the following:
- In the Speaker dialog (open AudioHQ and click the Speaker icon), set the Output field to Headphones.
- The headphones are connected to Line Out (front) jack.

No audio output when playing digital files such as .WAV, MIDI files, or AVI clips.

Possible causes:
- Speaker volume is not set properly.
- External amplifier or speakers are connected to the wrong jack.
- Hardware conflict.
- Output selection in the Configuration tab page on the Speaker dialog is incorrectly selected.
- Original Sound sliders in either the Master or Source tab pages of the Environmental Audio dialog are set at or near 0 percent.

Check the following:
- The speakers’ volume control is set at mid-range. Use Creative Mixer to adjust the volume, if necessary.
- The powered speakers or external amplifier are connected to the card’s Line Out or Rear Out jack.
- No hardware conflict between the card and a peripheral device.
- The output selection on the Speaker dialog corresponds to your speaker or headphone configuration.
- The Original Sound sliders in either or both the Master and Source tab pages of the Speaker dialog are set to 100 percent.
No audio output when playing CD-Audio.
OR
No audio output when playing DOS games that require a CD-ROM.

To solve this problem:
- Check the connections of the CD audio cable between the CD-ROM drive and the audio card.

SoundFont

There is insufficient memory to load SoundFont.
This may occur when a SoundFont-compatible MIDI file is loaded or played and insufficient memory is allocated.

To allocate more SoundFont cache:
- On the Options tab page of the SoundFont Control dialog, move the SoundFont Cache slider to the right to increase memory. The amount of SoundFont cache you can allocate depends on the system RAM available.

If there is insufficient system RAM available:
- On the Configure Banks tab page of the SoundFont Control dialog, select a smaller SoundFont bank from the Select Bank box.
  The smallest SoundFont bank available is 2 MB (2GMGSMT.SF2).

Joystick

The joystick port is not working.
The audio card’s joystick port conflicts with the system’s joystick port.

To solve this problem:
- Disable the audio card’s joystick port and use the system port instead.

The joystick is not working properly in some programs.
The program may use the system processor timing to calculate the joystick position. When the processor is fast, the program may determine the position of the joystick incorrectly, assuming that the position is out of range.

To solve this problem:
- Increase your system's 8-bit I/O recovery time of the BIOS setting, usually under the Chipset Feature Settings section. Or, if available, you may adjust the AT Bus speed to a slower clock. If the problem persists, try a different joystick.

Do not attempt to make changes to the BIOS unless you have experience with system software.
I/O Conflicts

Conflicts between your audio card and another device may occur if they are set to use the same I/O address. To resolve I/O conflicts, change the resource settings of your audio card or the conflicting device using Device Manager in Windows 95/98.

If you still are unable to determine which card is causing the conflict, remove all cards except the audio card and other essential cards (for example, disk controller and graphics cards). Add each card back until Device Manager indicates that a conflict has occurred.

To resolve hardware conflicts in Windows 95/98:
1. Click the Start button, point to Settings, and then click Control Panel.
2. In the Control Panel window, double-click the System icon.
3. In the System Properties dialog, click the Device Manager tab.
4. Under the Sound, Video And Game Controllers entry, select the conflicting audio card driver—indicated by an exclamation mark (!)—and click the Properties button.
5. In the Properties dialog, click the Resources tab.
6. Select Use Automatic Settings and click the OK button.
7. Restart your computer to allow Windows 95/98 to reassign resources to the devices.

Windows NT 4.0

A Service Control Manager error message appears with one or more other error messages at restart.

This occurs when you remove an audio card from your computer after successfully installing Sound Blaster Live! Value. Windows is trying to match the drivers to the removed audio card.

To solve this problem:
1. Log on to your computer as Administrator.
2. Click the Start button, select Settings, and then click Control Panel.
3. Double-click the Multimedia icon, and then click the Devices tab.
4. Under the Audio Devices and MIDI Devices And Instruments headings, delete all devices except:
   • Audio for Creative SB Live!
   • MIDI for Creative SB Live!
   • MIDI for Creative S/W Synth
5. Click the OK button to close the dialog. The unneeded drivers are removed.

You can also refer to the Troubleshooting section in the Help file of Windows 95/98.
The Creative PlayCenter is not launched when a DVD is inserted into the drive.

To solve this problem:
1. In Creative Launcher, click Settings, and click the Disc Detector icon.
2. On the General tab page of the Creative Disc Detector dialog, select Enable Disc Detector.
3. Click the Players tab.
4. Select the DVD Disc entry and then click the Select Player button.
5. In the Players Properties dialog, click the Browse button.
6. Browse to C:\PROGRAM FILES\CREATIVE\PLAYCENTER and double-click CTPlay. The Name box now displays CTPlay.
7. Click the OK button twice to close.

CD-ROM Drive

No sound from headphones or speakers.

The audio cable may not be connected properly or the volume may not be set to an audible level.

To solve this problem:
• If your headphones or speakers are connected to the jack on the front of the CD-ROM drive, adjust the volume control on the drive.
• If your headphones or speakers are connected to an audio card, adjust the through the audio card mixer or volume control.
• Connect headphones to the stereo phone jack on the audio card. If there is no sound from your headphones, check to see if the audio cable is properly connected from the CD-ROM drive to the audio card.

Interface card or CD-ROM drive is not ready.

The problem may be caused by:
• Power or data cable is not properly connected
• I/O setting in CONFIG.SYS file is not correct
• The Secondary IDE port may be disabled in your computer’s BIOS

To solve this problem:
• Ensure the power and data cables are connected properly to the drive.
• Set the slave jumper to the master setting if the drive is not connected as the slave to another CD-ROM or CD-ROM drive.
No CD-ROM drive detected in Windows 95/98.

Power or data cable is not properly connected.

To solve this problem:

- Make sure the red stripe on the data cable matches pin 1 of the motherboard connector and the data connector on the rear panel of the CD-ROM drive.
- You may need updated hard disk controller drivers—contact the manufacturer of your motherboard.
- Your BIOS may not be set up properly, contact the manufacturer of your motherboard.